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Sebat Bet Gurage language

Sebat Bet ("Seven houses") is an Afroasiatic language spoken in Ethiopia.

Sebat Bet Gurage	
Native to	Ethiopia
Region	West Gurage Zone
Native speakers	(undated figure of 1,000,000)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Semitic ▪ South ▪ Ethiopian ▪ South ▪ Outer ▪ West Gurage ▪ **Sebat Bet Gurage**
Writing system	Ethiopic
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`sgw`
Glottolog	`seba1251 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/seba1251)`[2]

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Overview

One of the Gurage languages, Sebat Bet is divided into several dialects. The latter are spoken in the western Gurage Zone:

- Chaha (Cheha) is spoken in Cheha and is the best studied of these varieties
- Ezha (Eza, Izha) is spoken in Ezhana Wolene
- Muher is spoken in the mountains north of Cheha and Ezhaha Wolene
- Gura is spoken in Goro woreda
- Gumer (Gwemarra, Gʷəmarə), spoken in Gumer
- Inor (Enemor), spoken in Enemorina Eaner
    - Gyeto, Endegegn and the extinct Mesmes language are sometimes considered subdialects of Inor.

Notes

1. Sebat Bet Gurage (https://www.ethnologue.com/15/show_language/sgw) at *Ethnologue* (15th ed., 2005)
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Further reading

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External links

- World Atlas of Language Structures information on Chaha (http://wals.info/languoid/lect/wals_code_chh)

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